

## Message Text

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INFO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE  
AMEMBASSY BERLIN  
AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST  
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AMEMBASSY SOFIA  
AMEMBASSY WARSAW

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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: PGOV, CZ  
SUBJECT: HUSAK VISIT TO ROMANIA

1. OUR IMMEDIATE APPRAISAL OF THE PARTY/STATE VISIT TO ROMANIA  
JUNE 22-24 BY A DELEGATION LED BY CPCZ GENERAL SECRETARY AND  
PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC HUSAK IS THAT IT WAS VERY MUCH IN THE MOLD OF  
OTHER RECENT EXCHANGES OF VISITS BETWEEN WP LEADERS AND CEAUSESCU  
AND FULLY SERVED ITS PURPOSE OF SIGNALING THE RETURN TO NORMAL  
BILATERAL RELATIONS ON BOTH PARTY AND STATE LEVELS. HEAVY MEDIA  
PLAY HERE GAVE THE VISIT ALL THE ASPECTS OF A LOVE FEAST.

2. DOCUMENTS RESULTING FROM THE VISIT APPEAR UNREMARKABLE. THE  
CZECHOSLOVAK VISITORS GOT IN MENTIONS OF "INTERNATIONAL  
SOLIDARITY"  
WHILE THE ROMANIANS GOT SUCH PHRASES AS "THE RIGHTS OF EACH  
PARTY TO ELABORATE INDEPENDENTLY ITS POLICY AND FREELY CHOOSE THE  
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ROAD OF SOCIALIST TRANSFORMATION ACCORDING TO SPECIFIC CONDITIONS  
IN WHICH IT WORKS."

3. MOST IMPRESSIVE TO US WATCHING TV COVERAGE WAS THE  
"RENT-A-CROWD" SYSTEM, WHICH BUCHAREST HAS OFTEN MENTIONED BEFORE  
BUT WHOSE MAGNITUDE FEW OF US HAD PREVIOUSLY HAD OCCASION TO  
SAVOR, AND CEAUSESCU'S WILLINGNESS TO DEVOTE SO MUCH OF HIS OWN

TIME TO CHAPERONING HIS GUESTS AROUND. ON CEAUSESCU'S RETURN  
VISIT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA HUSAK WILL BE HARD PUT TO MATCH HOSPITALITY.

4. FOR HRADCANY WATCHERS THE VISIT OFFERED ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF  
THE WAY HUSAK CAN DOMINATE A TV SCENE AND RELEGATE HIS TRAVELING  
COMPANION AND PUTATIVE RIVAL VASIL BILAK TO NEAR ANONYMITY.  
WE WILL BE INTERESTED IN ANYTHING BUCHAREST LEARNS  
FROM ITS ROMANIAN CONTACTS ON THE CHARACTER OF THE INTERPLAY  
BETWEEN HUSAK AND BILAK IN THE TALKS WITH THE ROMANIANS.  
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